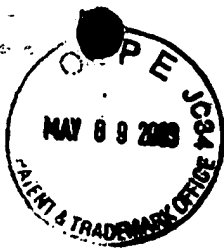


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SIR:

Under the provision of Rule 312, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 101 as in the attached marked-up copy to read as follows:

101. (Twice Amended) A method for preparing a drug targeting system for administering one or more physiologically effective substances to a mammal, said method comprising:

a) preparing nanoparticles made of a polymeric material, said nanoparticles being free of a surfactant surface coating and comprising said polymeric material, one or more physiologically effective substances to be delivered to said mammal, and one or more

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